

# Peace Notes

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## Past-or Present

*Love Your Neighbor As Yourself* (Matthew 22:39) was the theme for the 56<sup>th</sup> Regular Convention of the English District, held June 19-21 on the campus of Concordia University in Ann Arbor, Michigan. As Peace's pastor I attended along with our congregation's lay delegate, Bill Vath.

The convention kicked off with a stirring communion worship service in which LCMS President Matthew Harrison preached on the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Later President Harrison would address the convention detailing the many challenges and opportunities the Missouri Synod is experiencing in our current times and culture.

A significant portion of convention business was spent electing various District officials. Receiving nearly 95 percent of the vote, the Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy was re-elected to a second three-year term as District Bishop/President. The four vice-presidents were also re-elected. Elected to the Board of Directors were two new members, one

being fellow circuit pastor the Rev. Tom Engler from Menominee Falls. Delegates also ratified the slate of Circuit Visitors, and the Rev. Fred Reaman will continue to serve as the Milwaukee Circuit Visitor. As a side note, yours truly was elected as our circuit's pastoral delegate to the 2019 Synodical Convention to be held next July in Tampa, Florida.

In addition, convention delegates debated and discussed a number of resolutions, most of which were adopted. The most notable resolution adopted gives support to a new model for funding District missions called *A Dollar For Missions*. Every District congregation—including ours—is invited to participate in this effort in which each baptized member is encouraged to give one dollar per week toward District missions, based on the belief that “there is power and strength in many giving a little.”

*A Dollar For Missions* is completely voluntary, but we believe that as God's people see and hear what is being accomplished specifically and directly in support and development of new missions and enhancing existing missions, more and more of us

*Connecting people to Christ... and His community.*

will want to be involved. Currently, the two main missions we are funding as a District are in the Dominican Republic (a mission start) and in Pennsylvania (a new church plant). I will provide further details in the coming months as we receive more information from the District regarding our mission efforts in connection with this new funding model.

At the convention's closing worship service, we all were encouraged and sent forth back to our local areas to live out our calling of loving our neighbors as ourselves. I look forward to seeing how God's amazing love in Christ continues to fill Peace Lutheran Church and overflow into our neighborhood and community!

Peace and joy in Christ,

*Pastor*  
*Galatians 2:20*

## **VBS 2018**

It has been just over a month since Vacation Bible School happened. Now that the dust has settled and I have (mostly) recovered I wanted to share two quick stories about the week that I found particularly inspiring.

1. We received an email from a parent with a picture of her two daughters playing VBS on their own at home. They took their bibles out and were reading the stories to each other and making believe that they were in their own VBS. How awesome is it that because of this week they were inspired to read God's word all on their own. And not only that but take what they were reading and being creative in how they learned about it and expressed those truths. AWESOME!
2. Everybody came together to help. This was my first year directing VBS and to tell you the truth I was nervous. I was nervous I wouldn't be able to think of all the details or find enough volunteers, or buy all the things on time. But luckily I had so much help and

support. Peace members went out of their way to find supplies, volunteers were flexible and ready for anything and church staff had my back every step of the way. It was so awesome to see how the body of Christ came together to make this week happen. This is just one more piece of evidence that when the body of Christ comes together for a common mission nothing can stand in its way.

This isn't everything of course. There were so many other experiences that made the week of VBS incredible. I learned and grew in my faith just as much as the kids who came. Jesus taught me to not sweat the details and He's got it under control. Even when things go wrong or not according to OUR plan, HIS plan is what matters and HIS plan never gets derailed. God works through imperfect people to create an imperfect week and yet through that He tells people about His Son and brings people back to Himself.

Thanks for an amazing week Peace! I cannot wait for next year.

Your brother in Christ,  
Andrew

## **A Report from the Field**

This story takes me back 20 years to one of my very first projects near Santa Cruz, Bolivia. The community had requested help with a flooding problem that occurred every year during the rainy season. The flooding was not so much a wave, but stagnant water that stood a foot and a half deep across the entire community. Since the community used pit latrines for sanitation, you can imagine the putrid, septic state of the stagnant water that saturated the homes. In fact, the women of the community did not name their infants until after the first hair cut due to the high mortality rate. Basically, if a woman lost a child before the first haircut, it was considered the same as a miscarriage. We completed the design, obtaining government approval and consensus with the community. As we explained the plan to build the project the

next year, Maria, the local leader, interrupted. She explained that she had a dream from God the night before, and He told her that the project would be built now. We politely explained to her that was simply not possible. We needed time to raise funds, organize equipment and purchase materials. But she insisted it was going to happen and her faith was unwavering.

As a matter of chance (or maybe not?), we were invited to a school inauguration in a neighboring community. Of course, a group of “Gringos” stood out, and the Governor came over to talk with us. Maria seized the opportunity, explaining the situation and asked plainly for his help. How could he say no to such an amazing woman?

So, we worked with the community to construct a drainage canal to move the putrid water away from the homes. The government provided two back hoes, a grader and a dump truck while the community moved the soil using what they had – wheelbarrows, buckets or dish pans. The ladies provided food to the equipment operators to entice them to work well beyond dark and all were amazed at the progress.

Finally, we completed the project and a huge celebration occurred. Maria and her husband, Manuel, invited us to a simple dinner at their home. The home consisted of a single room that was 20’x20’. It was spotless and contained a bed, table and a few chairs. After a simple meal of rice and beans, Maria and Manuel wanted to give me a gift to express their appreciation. They handed me a wedding photo of them taken 20 years previously. I then realized that it was the only photo of their wedding that they owned – so I took a picture of the photo and returned it to them promising to print a copy for myself. Manuel would not let me leave empty-handed. He handed to me his next most prized possession – a pair of shoes. Of course, the shoes were many sizes too small for me, but he simply refused to take no for an answer.

As I left that night, I could not help but think of the story of the widow in Mark, chapter 12, who gave the offering of the two mites. How can

someone who has so little, be willing to give so much? And how can such a small gift have such meaning?

Of course, I never wore the shoes, but still have them and think of the amazing faith of Maria and Manuel often.

*Mike Paddock*  
*Professional Engineer and Surveyor*

## **Concerts on the Lawn**

Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, we were entertained by the RD/JC “Kicks” Big Band music right on our lawn. Approximately 100 people were in attendance for this wonderful evening of entertainment and old-fashioned family fun. Bill Vath and his ever-so-efficient youth crew served up beverages and popcorn while Wayne and Diane Mike made sure everyone had some delicious hot dogs and polish sausages on which to munch. Delicious!

Thank you to Griff Gundersen and his crew to make this all happen. Be sure to mark your calendars for Friday, August 10 for our second Concert on the Lawn featuring The Kaye Berigan 4tet.

Kaye Berigan has been featured at all the Bunny Berigan Jazz Jubilees held in Kaye’s and Bunny’s home town of Fox Lake, WI since 2011. Kaye is the nephew of Bunny, but he did not listen to Bunny’s music as he grew up and became an accomplished artist on the Trumpet. Kaye has his own brand of music and he will tell you that they do not play Dixieland even though it is played by virtually every other band at the annual Jubilee. His group remains popular at the event as they are all incredible musicians. Members of the 4Tet are Kaye Berigan – Trumpet; George Welland – Bass; Jack Carr – Drums; Steve Lewandowski – Guitar. This group has appeared at many well-known local jazz clubs and currently appears the first Friday of every month at Ally’s Bistro in Menominee Falls.



prayer partner, fill out an information card & envelope, located on the bulletin board. Place it in the WCiP mailbox, and you will be contacted with the name of your prayer partner and to answer any questions you may have.

Questions? Contact Sue Getzel (414-573-4776; [susangetzel@gmail.com](mailto:susangetzel@gmail.com))

### **LWML Grant #3: Christ for Veterans and Their Families**

*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.  
(2 Corinthians 3:17)*



Last month our nation celebrated its independence and freedom with parades, fireworks, barbeques, and family gatherings. As US citizens, we are proud and thankful for living in a country that provides “liberty and justice for all.” But there is a greater freedom to celebrate — the freedom Jesus provides with His grace, mercy and death on the cross. He has made us truly free —this is a cause for real celebration.

Jesus doesn't want us to keep this celebration to ourselves! He wants everyone to know they have been freed from their sins, and your Mite Box offerings are an important way to spread the Good News. Through the LWML mission grants program, \$27,750 has been given to the LCMS Ministry of the Armed Forces to host national training events for *Operation Barnabas*. Just as Barnabas was St. Paul's supportive companion on his missionary journeys, *Operation Barnabas* offers resources to help congregations care for all military-connected people through intentional outreach. Often there is a disproportionate number of mental and physical health issues found among active military and veterans and their families. *Operation Barnabas* trains people to reach out to those who are hurting to spread the Gospel message of Christ's love and to help them deal with their problems.

Never think that your mites are too little to make a difference! You can be assured that those coins deposited with LWML will keep the Good News of *Salvation* and *Freedom* flowing around the world.



*Sue Getzel*

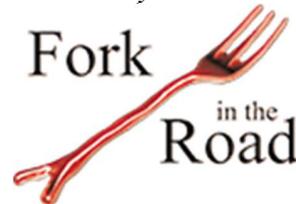
### **Ladies that Lunch**

On Thursday, August 2, Ladies that Lunch will be returning to one of their favorite restaurants, *Fork in the Road* in Mukwonago.

Take a drive west and enjoy one of their unique offerings, be it a sandwich, fish fix, or salad. We hope for nice weather to enjoy the lovely patio seating in addition to each other's company.

We'll carpool from Peace's back parking lot at 11 or you can meet us there at 11:30. Please sign up at the Info Desk.

*Melody Erblisch*



### **Wow . . .What Joy!**

*God sees us as Women of Worth . . .  
through Him we are filled with JOY!*

All women and girls are invited to join us at 9 am, Saturday, September 29 for a special event in which we will learn of our true worthiness in God's eyes. Pastor Michel will be present to welcome us and begin the event with prayer.

We will celebrate God's goodness and our worthiness in song and enjoy fellowship during lunch and the missional project to our Senior WoW Sisters of our Senior Ministry. We are

honored to have two special guest speakers who will share how the love of Jesus Christ is working through our lives.

Our first guest is Kaye Wolff, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries in the LWML, who will be traveling from her home in Michigan to speak to us of how we have been made worthy through Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Kaye loves serving the Lord and His people and has held positions in LWML, Lutheran Hour Ministries, and St. Louis Concordia Seminary, among many other organizations. She was instrumental in the making of the movie "The First Rosa," a documentary about the life of Dr. Rosa J. Young, Lutheran Educator and Church Planner. Kaye has a down-to-earth style of speaking that will make you feel like you're chatting with a close friend.

Our second guest is Carrie Reichartz, of Infinitely More Life. We heard about Carrie's ministry in Kenya two years ago at our "Flip Flops, Fondue & Faith" event, and we look forward to hearing her update about Mercy's Light: House of Hope, a women's crisis pregnancy center that has now been built in the village of Vinpingo. Carrie has an amazing story to tell about how God called her out of the comfort of her home and law practice in New Berlin to minister to the poor and hopeless on the African continent. As you hear about the ongoing program at Mercy's Light, you will be amazed at what the Holy Spirit can accomplish through ordinary people like us.

Registration for this event are \$15 per person and \$5 ages 1-17. Free infant care is available with pre-registration. Activities, Bible Stories and a craft project will be offered to those ages 1-10. Age 11 and over are welcome to attend the event. A portion of the registration will be given in support of Mercy's Light: House of Hope.

Watch your bulletin for details about registration. We hope you can join us for this joyful event!

*Sue Getzel*



### **August Birthdays**

Nate Hutter	August 1
Benjamin Aranda	August 2
Mark Boesel	
Gabriella Pitcel	August 3
Ethan Weber	August 4
Lauren Bennett	August 6
Stu Fish	
Tom Gerke	August 8
Gladys Krahling	August 10
Darcy Luling	
Alexander Paulus	August 12
Henry Korselt	
Laurie McArthur	
Samantha Muehlbauer	August 13
Alaina Cushman	August 15
Doug Hubert	
Wayne Whittow	August 16
Kris Matz	August 18
Tom Halverson	
Jill Hubert	August 19
James Pokorny	August 20
Andrew Cordy	August 21
Carly Muehlbauer	August 22
Dawn Anderson	August 24
Jamie Peterson	August 25
Sarah Scalzo	August 26
Pastor Michel	August 27
Carol Fontanez	
Amber Kenyon	August 28
Mike Miller	August 29
Jenna Balistreri	
Ken Groth	August 30



## Who's Hosting Coffee Sip?

Those serving coffee sip for the month of August are listed below. Thank you all for your assistance in this fellowship function.

### August 5, 2018

Treptow, Mike & Beth	262-389-4252
Tyler, Wendy	262-347-5090
<b>Vasholz, Dan &amp; Mona</b>	<b>262-706-3118</b>
Vath, Bill & Bonnie	262-782-3359
Vossekuil, Andy & Shelby	414-405-4432
Webb, Joanne	414-235-3918
Weber, Brian & Jessica	414-324-8897
Weber, Bob & Joan	414-425-9066
Welden, Tom & Rici	262-679-4206
Wolf, Verl	414-422-1466
Woodard, Patti	414-531-2335
Wright, Larry III & Sarah	414-416-3523

### August 12, 2018

Wright, Nick & Lisa	262-510-1579
Young, Bill & Gail	414-235-3515
Abel, Gregg & Brittany	414-870-2261
Ambelang, Terry & Sheila	262-336-8139
<b>Anderson, Dawn</b>	<b>414-529-1586</b>
Aranda, Louis & Ann	262-971-1165
Balistreri, Tom & Mary	262-895-1016
Banks, Suzi	414-322-1380
Barg, Gary & Gretchen	262-971-9767
Barry, Kurt & Betty	414-422-1176
Bartholomay, John & Sharon	414-467-1084
Boesel, Lucas & Carol	262-679-4837

### August 19, 2018

<b>Besch, Michael &amp; Pam</b>	<b>262-786-8896</b>
Borchardt, Joe & Amy	262-501-3310
Borda, Mary Beth & Luis	414-328-9985
Brunn, Michelle	262-643-8711
Brunn, Roger & Gail	262-643-8711
Bunzel, Alan & Diane	414-731-2410
Christian, Jean	262-909-8431
Coleman, Delores	414-425-5510
Cordy, Andrew	713-578-0507
Crom, Mark	414-731-2249
Cushman, Adam & Amy	262-332-1354
Davey, Bob & Nancy	262-751-7392

### August 26, 2018

Dejno, Todd & Jennifer	414-217-1167
Disseler, Julie	817-421-6544
Dolezar, Mark & Laura	414-587-1191
Dumke, Jim & Jeannie	262-442-6050
Dzieminski, Donald & Susan	262-679-7651
Eberhardy, Tom & Chris	262-679-2908
Eggold, Paul & Suzanne	414-421-8988
Engelhardt, Richard	262-679-2395
Erblich, Bill & Melody	414-422-1210
Eurick, Bill & Donna	262-662-3486
<b>Fehrenbacher, Tim &amp; Lynne</b>	<b>262-524-0294</b>
Fontanez, Carol	262-993-4554

The highlighted names will be the leader for the respective Sundays. If you have any questions, please contact Lynette Gerke 414-529-0207.

Thank you,

